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SUB: US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS: SUPERSEDING
EXISTING AGREEMENTS (DCA, ARTICLE XVII)

REFS: (A) ATHENS 3540 (DTG 201805Z APR 77), (B) STATE 078044
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1. GREEK SIDE PROVIDED PROPOSED TEXTS OF DCA ARTICLE XVII AND
RELATED LETTER AT APRIL 20 WORKING GROUP MEETING. U.S. SUGGESTED
MODIFICATIONS TO CLARIFY AND TIGHTEN THE LANGUAGE WERE ACCEPTED BY
GREEKS. ACTION REQUEST: SEE PARA 4.

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2. THE RESULTING TEXTS ARE:

A. ARTICLE XVII:

"THIS AGREEMENT CANCELS AND SUPERSEDES ALL AND ANY PREVIOUS
BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNING THE UNITED
STATES MILITARY AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES AND THE STATUS OF THE

UNITED STATES FORCES IN GREECE."

B. CONTEMPORANEOUS EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

"EXCELLENCY,

WITH REFERENCE TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE
DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED THIS SAME
DATE BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, I HAVE THE
HONOR TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTARY
ARRANGEMENTS:

(1) UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY WILL HAVE BEEN
REVISED, THE FOLLOWING PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS
RELATED TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND SUPPORTING
FACILITIES AND THE STATUS OF UNITED STATES FORCES
IN GREECE REMAIN IN EFFECT:

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(2) UNTIL THE AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS
CONTEMPLATED BY THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT
AND ITS APPENDICES ARE CONCLUDED, THE PROVISIONS
OF EXISTING BILATERAL TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS
WHICH ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE SAID
DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND ITS APPENDICES
WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY.

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(3) ALL OTHER EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS
AND ARRANGEMENTS RELATED IN WHATEVER MANNER TO
DEFENSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT. HOWEVER, A JOINT
COMMITTEE WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN ORDER TO EXAMINE
SUCH AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS AND TO MUTUALLY
DETERMINE, WITHIN A PERIOD OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS
FROM THIS DATE, THOSE WHICH SHOULD REMAIN IN
FORCE, THOSE WHICH SHOULD BE REVISED, AND THOSE
WHICH SHOULD BE CANCELED.

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT,
I PROPOSE THAT THIS LETTER TOGETHER WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY'S
REPLY CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.
COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING."

3. USING THE LIST OF SURVIVING AGREEMENTS FROM REF B AS EXAMPLES,
U.S. SIDE ELICITED GREEK AFFIRMATION THAT AGREEMENTS SUCH AS THOSE
CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OFFSHORE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM,RELIEF FROM

TAXATION, AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT AT LARISSA WOULD BE SET FORTH WITHIN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE LETTER. AS EXAMPLES OF THE TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS REFERRED TO IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH, THE GREEKS OFFERED THOSE DEALING WITH THE OPERATION OF BANKS AND MILITARY POST OFFICES. THE LAST PARAGRAPH, THE GREEKS SAID, IS INTENDED TO COVER ALL OTHER DEFENSE RELATED AGREEMENTS (E.G. JUSMAGG PRIVILEGES AND EXEMPTIONS, STOCKPILING OF ATOMIC WEAPONS, PROJECT SHEEPSKIN, ETC.) WHICH WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE ENUMERATED, SINCE THEY ARE NOW CONVINCED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN THEIR INTEREST INADVERTENTLY TO CANCEL A CURRENTLY UNKNOWN AGREEMENT. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THESE TWO UNCLASSIFIED TEXTS, TAKEN TOGETHER, COMPRISE A FORMULATION THAT SATISFIES OUR NEEDS. IT ELIMINATES THE NECESSITY OF REVIEWING ALL AGREEMENTS IN DETAIL AT THIS TIME AND AVOIDS THE DANGER OF UNINTENDED CANCELLATION.

4. ACTION REQUEST: WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF TEXTS IN PARA 2 ABOVE.
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